

Ocotillo Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District



Councilmember Norma Alvarez

February 18, 2011

Councilmember Norma Alvarez held a meet and greet with downtown business merchants earlier this week.



Councilmember Alvarez was joined by city staff of the Economic Development and Marketing Departments, who work very closely with downtown businesses in planning activities that benefit both the city and downtown businesses.



Councilmember Alvarez thanks those of you who attended.

Holiday Notice. City of Glendale offices will be closed on Monday, February 21 in observance of Presidents' Day.

All households' scheduled garbage and recycling collection will be shifted one day due to the holiday. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed. For more information about the city's sanitation services, please call 623-930-2660.

Only Gus Bus One will run, operating on a Sunday schedule from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For Dial-a-Ride service that day, reservations must be made by noon on Friday, February 18 by calling 623-930-3500. No same-day service on Monday will be available. Valley Metro buses will operate on a Sunday schedule.

While the Glendale Municipal Airport will remain open during the holiday, the airport's administrative offices will be closed.

In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed, as well as the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Glendale's Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center will remain open on Presidents' Day, with hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information on other Parks and Recreation facilities, call 623-930-2820.

For additional information on the city of Glendale's programs and services, visit www.glendaleaz.com.



Nominations for Promoting Diversity Award 2011 due March 11. Each year, the city of Glendale and the Glendale Chamber Foundation recognize the accomplishments of Maricopa County residents who contribute significantly to creating a diverse and inclusive community. Glendale is now seeking nominations for the 2011 Promoting Diversity Award in honor of the late César Chávez. The award, which will be presented March 31 at an annual breakfast sponsored by the city of Glendale and the Glendale Chamber Foundation, commemorates the powerful life and legacy of Chávez.

For more information about the Promoting Diversity Award and to download the nomination instructions, [click here](#). Nominations must be received or postmarked by 5 p.m. March 11, 2011.

The recipient of the award will be honored at the Cesar Chavez Celebrating Diversity Breakfast on March 31 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. Individual tickets are \$30 and a table of 10 can be reserved for \$250. To purchase tickets, call the Glendale Chamber of Commerce at 623-937-4754.

Business News

New Business License Application Fee. Glendale City Council approved a new \$20 business license application fee that will go into effect March 1. This new application fee has been established because several types of business licenses did not previously come with a fee. For more information on the new business license application fee and process, [click here](#).



Glendale Day at Camelback Ranch-Glendale. Sunday, March 6 is designated as Glendale Day at Camelback Ranch-Glendale, which means Glendale residents will receive half-price tickets for the game and enjoy various festivities that are planned leading up to the game.

Residents can purchase half-price tickets to the game at www.camelbackranchbaseball.com by entering the code “Glenres” at checkout. Tickets can also be purchased at the stadium box office with a valid ID or proof of residency.

Pre-game festivities will include live entertainment on the plaza and the Glendale Fire Department’s ladder truck greeting fans as they enter the facility. Glendale departments such as Police, Fire, Recycling, and Water Conservation, and the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) will have booths and giveaways for fans in attendance. Glendale City Council members will be part of the pre-game festivities,

welcoming Glendale residents and out-of-town baseball fans, along with special community groups and special guests throwing out the ceremonial first pitch.

In addition, several lucky fans in attendance will have the chance to win special prizes from the Glendale CVB if they receive one of ten game programs autographed by Mayor Elaine Scruggs.

Another highlight of the day will be the opportunity for kids to run the bases after the conclusion of the game.

Spring training at Camelback Ranch-Glendale is packed with special features and themes this season, such as fireworks after night games and a special Chicago Fest event. Be sure to check out www.glendalesgotgame.com for the complete line-up of events and promotions.

For additional information on Glendale Day at Camelback Ranch-Glendale, contact the Glendale CVB at 623-930-4500 or obtain information online at www.visitglendale.com.

Around Town

Downtown Glendale Hosts Three Events in One Day – March 5

Artwerks First Saturdays

Walkway off 58th Ave.
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Paris in the Spring French Market and Sidewalk Café

Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Open Air Market

5734 W. Glendale Avenue
Historic Downtown Glendale
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Also on March 5, a culinary festival titled **TASTE** will be held in Murphy Park. For more information about the March 5 events, [click here](#) or call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule. [Click here](#) for past Council meeting agendas and minutes. [Click here](#) to watch a City Council meeting online.

Acoustic Jam. The Acoustic Jam Session is an opportunity for musicians to bring their own acoustic instruments and play round-robin style with fellow musicians. The jam sessions are held on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m., in the large meeting room at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. An audience is welcome. The next Acoustic Jam is scheduled on February 23. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

Live at the Library. Join us for one of the West Valley’s most popular monthly musical series – Live at the Library. The series is held on the fourth Thursday of the month and begins at 6:30 p.m., at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. On February 24, Nuance Jazz Trio, one of the most diverse ensembles in the southwestern United States performs. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

Green Living Classes. Join us on February 26 at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., for the following free green living classes. Classes are held in the Auditorium.

- 12:30 to 1:30 Simple Savings 101 AKA Be the Biggest Loser
- 1:30 to 2:30 A Brighter Future, Solar Energy for Your Home
- 2:30 to 3:00 The “How-To” on Programmable Thermostats

Glendale residents who successfully complete energy classes will receive free energy-saving devices funded through the Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant. To register please call the Conservation and Sustainable Living Program at 623-930-3760.

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